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Fuse lit on fireworks ban in Minden Hills

By Mark Arike

Some new restrictions could be imposed on the use and sale of fireworks in the Township of Minden Hills.

During their Aug. 9 committee of the whole meeting, councillors shared their concerns, as well as concerns expressed by their constituents, over the noise and other disturbances caused by those setting off fireworks on a regular basis.

"I have received a number of phone calls, e-mails and letters... about the loud noise, fireworks and partying," said Ward 1 Councillor Brigette Gall, who brought the issue forward at the meeting.

Gall, who lives in town, said she often hears fireworks going off and people shouting at one another.

A ratepayer who recently retired to the area with her husband contacted Gall to tell her about her encounter with a neighbour who had been keeping her up at night by setting off fireworks.

"They are continually being kept awake at night by the fireworks, firecrackers and the ensuing parties which happen," said Gall.

The woman once asked her neighbours to stop and they came out with a copy of the township's noise bylaw.

"They said there's nothing you can do about it."

Gall said the township's current noise bylaw is very limited.

"It does not define the parameters within which you can make noise, the hours you can make noise, what constitutes unfair or unreasonable noise," she said.

Other municipalities, said Gall, have clearly identified the restrictions in their noise bylaws. In Highlands East, persistent barking, whining, noises and fireworks, among other things, are prohibited.

"Dysart [et al] and Algonquin Highlands are very clear on the parameters around noise."

Gall proposed that council consider a bylaw which would prevent both the sale and discharge of fireworks outside of the permitted times of May 24, July 1, 4, and New Year's Eve.

Ward 2 Councillor Ken Redpath said fireworks are a "big, big problem" for lake residents. Redpath read two pieces of

Photo by Mark Arike

Robert and Alyssa Giddings get a close look at a 1912 Ford Model T. See story and photos on page 24.

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Noise bylaw could govern use of fireworks

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correspondence he received from frustrated property owners.

"Fireworks have no place in the Highlands and should be banned outright, except for use during Canada Day and Victoria Day celebrations," wrote one of the lake residents.

A seasonal resident of Minden for 24 years also wrote in to council.

"The widespread use of fireworks isn't reasonable nor is it appropriate," stated the resident, who addressed their concerns for the environment in the letter.

Redpath, a resident of Moore Lake for many years, said fireworks have become a growing trend over the last 10 to 15 years.

"This is a fairly new development," he said. "We used to have people who set off fireworks occasionally on the May 24 weekend..."

He partly attributed the rise in use of fireworks to businesses that keep them in stock.

"I think a lot of it has to do with more and more businesses selling them in town," said Redpath. "I recognize that perhaps it's a bit of an infringement on businesses if we stop them from selling them, but I don't think we should have businesses doing things that are detrimental to the well-being of the county or the people."

Redpath said he believes the township should take a step in the right direction and ban the sale and use of fireworks outside of certain holidays.

"I encourage us to be an example to other councils."

Ward 3 Councillor Jean Neville also supported imposing a ban. Neville asked Gall about the enforcement of such a bylaw.

"When you consider we have over 600 lakes, it would be impossible to police that with any number of bylaw officers – you'd need a thousand of them," said Gall. "My understanding from other municipalities is that if you have that bylaw, at the very least you afford the people on those lakes or in town the opportunity to take the bylaw to the neighbour and say, 'there is a bylaw in place. Please respect the bylaw.'"

Gall said that as residents of the Highlands, "we have a very real responsibility to recognize our environment." She added that fireworks contain a lot of heavy metals.

Reeve Barb Reid, who sits on county council, said the fireworks ban has been discussed at their recent meetings.

"This should be a county-wide issue, in the same way that the tree-cutting bylaw is a county-wide initiative," said Reid, adding that the legalities around banning the sale of fireworks needs to be considered.

"I'm not sure we have the ability to do that."

Reid also said consideration needs to be given as to whether any provisions should be made to allow people to set off fireworks in designated areas.

"Do we make provisions for people to come to our fairgrounds to set off fireworks?" she asked. "Do we ban the activity or is it controlled?"

Council will discuss the matter further at their October committee of the whole meeting.

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Citizens report impaired driver

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged Troy Middlebrooks with impaired driving, drive over 80 and dangerous driving thanks to a phone call from concerned citizens according to an OPP release.

On Aug. 10 at approximately 8:15 p.m., drivers on Highway 35 south of Minden called the police to report a possible impaired driver. Officers intercepted the vehicle on Highway 35 and Happy Hour Lane, at which time it was determined the driver, Middlebrooks, had been consuming alcohol.

The 44-year-old Gravenhurst man will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Sept. 5 to deal with the charges.

Huntsville man charged with over 80

Officers of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Marine Patrol, assisted by officers of the OPP's snowmobile, ATV and vessel enforcement unit (SAVE), have charged a Huntsville man with operating a vessel over 80 mgs.

On Aug. 4 at approximately 10:20 p.m. officers intercepted a vessel during a marine patrol on Raven Lake in the Township of Algonquin Highlands. It was determined the operator, Peter Hellinga, had been consuming alcohol.

Hellinga, 27, was also charged with operating a vessel with an open container of liquor. He will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Sept. 5.

Marine patrol charges vessel operator

A Stouffville man was charged with operating a vessel over 80 mgs and failure to have proof of competency on board a pleasure craft during a marine patrol on Gull Lake on Aug. 5.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Marine unit and the OPP's snowmobile, ATV and vessel enforcement unit (SAVE) intercepted the vessel at approximately 8:20 p.m., where it was determined the operator, Neil Blanchet, had been consuming alcohol.

Blanchet, 33, will appear at the Ontario Court of Justin in Minden on Sept. 5 to answer these charges.

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Editorial opinion

Festival fun

Everybody loves a good festival.

Lucky for us, these events have been in abundance across the Highlands over the past two months. We've had heritage festivals, agricultural festivals, word festivals, music festivals, art festivals and theatre festivals.

You would think after a while people would start to roll their eyes at the word 'festival', but that's not the case. What makes these events exciting is that no two are exactly alike. There may be common ground between them, but each one has its own hook to bring in visitors.

What makes a festival good is passion. I dare say you won't find a festival organizer or participant who isn't passionate about what they do. Otherwise, it would be a pretty dull event.

At the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair this past weekend, visitors were given the opportunity to try their hands at a number of crafts and trades, including traditional woodworking. Mark Bramham of Wilberforce stood there next to his lathe, chisel in hand, encouraging youngsters and adults to try shaping wood. The smile that crossed his face as kids laughed and wood chips flew was invigorating. There are likely few places in this world he would rather be than behind that lathe, if I had to guess.

During the Stanhope Heritage Day in July, Elinor Hamilton spent the day teaching visitors how to use a traditional loom. While it may have been frustrating at first, people had fun learning and Elinor had fun teaching.

Festivals give us the opportunity to share the things we love and the things that make us unique with the rest of the world. Whether it's shaping wood or words, making marmalade or blankets, quilting or cooking, these crafts and trades need to be shared and passed on, lest we lose them forever.

But festivals aren't just great for exhibitors who want to pass on their knowledge.

A reader recently speculated that I spend all my time in front of the TV at home. While this isn't entirely accurate, it's true of a lot of families. A community festival, however, is enough to get almost anyone off the couch. While they're there, the festival affords them the opportunity to discover something new.

While some people look at community festivals as unnecessary and wastes of time, I would suggest they are very necessary to the health of our communities. We have such a rich heritage here that is worth sharing. More than that, we have a responsibility to engage our families in activities and give them the chance to step out of their comfort zones and try something new. How else will they find a passion of their own if we don't first share ours?

So bring on the festivals, I say. Whatever your age, everyone has something to learn. I can't think of a better way to do it.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Yahoos

My grade seven science teacher, Mr. Store, kept a giant, sealed glass bottle on his desk. Inside were water, plants and a lone goldfish. It was an ongoing demonstration that with only light, a closed ecosystem will find the perfect balance between respiration and photosynthesis, plants and animals each releasing the gas required by the other. These contraptions were very popular in the 1970s.

Alas, one day the goldfish was found, unexpectedly, prematurely and quite surprisingly, dead. Mr. Store, scientist that he was, launched an investigation. He found that the pH of the water in the bottle had mysteriously dropped well into the acidic range, likely the cause of the deceased fish. He also found that the vinegar part of the vinegar and baking soda demonstration was missing. Putting two and two together he exclaimed to a bewildered class, "Some yahoo's been runnin' around puttin' vinegar in my ecology jug!"

Mr. Store had a very entertaining way with words.

He'd probably have a few choice ones for some of the goings on this summer. From Highlands East, we have reports of the fire chief's frustration at having to douse twice as many fires as normal in July, many caused by people ignoring the fire ban. It seems putting up signs saying TOTAL FIRE BAN all over the county doesn't quite get the point across to some folks. Equally disturbing was the news that vandals tore up a newly-paved road in Gooderham.

Over to Minden, where council is responding to residents frazzled by unscheduled and persistent fireworks. Fireworks used to be reserved for Victoria Day and Canada Day, but now it seems some people need to burn their money on a weekly basis. Noise and misbehaviour on the rail trail are other sources of discontent from those who live beside the corridor or use it for quiet activities like walking.

Back in Dysart, a letter-writer complains about erosion caused by wake boats driving too close to the shore, while at the county level a tree-cutting ban is being discussed to stop wanton clear-cutting of shorelines. Only Algonquin Highlands appears to have peace in the land, though surely someone has been peeved by loud music or unscrupulously early weed whacking.

What all of these transgressions have in common is a lack of courtesy and respect, both for other people and their property. There's nothing new about this kind of behaviour.

But there does seem to be a difference

in terms of impact. Recreation is getting louder; many eschew canoes and kayaks for jet skis and motor boats — not

necessarily a problem as long as the rules are followed and common sense applied, for example by slowing down close to shore and not doing donuts beside neighbours trying to swim. On land, motorized vehicles can tear up tracks and terrorize wildlife. Excessive speed can be dangerous to both riders and bystanders.

All of these annoyances multiply in the summer, and not just because of the quadrupling of the population. In the off-season, the Highlands is a sparsely-populated place. People know each other. Make too much of a nuisance of yourself and you might get a reputation, possibly even a what-for next time you're in the hardware store.

But in summer, it's easier to maintain anonymity; it's also easier to overestimate your rights. Social experiments confirm that people are much more likely to be discourteous or disrespectful to people they don't know. Familiarity may breed contempt, but it also engenders a certain mutual understanding that what I may do to annoy you today, you may do to me tomorrow. Somebody reversed that sentiment and turned it into a snappy phrase a long time ago: do unto others...

By no means am I saying that cottagers, or any particular group, are lawless or lacking in courtesy. As is usually the case, just a few people create most of the problems, spoiling things for everyone else. A bunch of yahoos, if you will, and they come in all types, from all walks of life.

Being courteous doesn't have to spoil or even limit your fun. All it requires is a bit of thinking, consideration. I'll never understand why some people just don't get that.

If you're wondering about the goldfish, it was not me. I had learned my lesson after putting a stink bomb in somebody's locker. Today they would call in the Haz-Mat people and send me off to Guantanamo for questioning. But back then the only "emergency response" was to send some poor janitor in search of the offending odour. He couldn't find it. I felt so guilty I stayed after school and tried to recover it myself, only to forget exactly where I had put it. Eventually I hit the right locker, and my brief career as a yahoo ended without ever making much of a stink.



By Bram Lebo

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Photo of the week



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Sunset in the Village of Haliburton, Head Lake Park.
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Large wakes damage shorelines

Dear editor,

Through wildly fluctuating lake levels of several feet, the Trent Severn Waterway is the sole instigator directly responsible for erosion in and around the waterways of the Highlands.

Waves produced by naturally occurring winds have been enhanced by damaging waves created motorized pleasure craft. As a result, the rate of man-made erosion has increased exponentially.

A more recent and far more threatening invasive enemy is threatening our lakes and rivers. And I'm not referring to Zebra Muscles and the blood-thirsty Lamprey of the Great Lakes.

Watercraft for the pleasures of wakeboarding and water-skiing are targeting our shorelines – and acreage – at the expense of waterfront property owners. These “Escalades of the Water” are specifically designed to create larger and more powerful wakes. The result is a series of tsunami-like waves that repeatedly pummel our innocent sandy shorelines.

I have witnessed such waves impact the shoreline on numerous occasions and crash against a small boat sandwiched between them and a shoreline dock. The boat with a 9.9-horsepower motor swung like a pendulum out of control.

Are the vast majority of boat owners still unaware or not respectful of the near-shoreline speed limit imposed by the federal government?

It appears all-but-certain that operators of wakeboard and water-skiing watercraft are unaware they are responsible for damages occurring as a result of their wake.

Why is the Trent Severn Waterway allowed to mimic such rogue behaviour?

Mark Leighton
Haliburton

School knapsacks for less fortunate

Dear editor,

I read Bram Lebo's column regarding the creation of school knapsacks for the less fortunate youth in our community. His entire article irked me, but the most unintelligible part of his statement was clearly “the high profile of the donors and low profile of the recipients is disturbing, particularly when they are so nearby to one another.”

Most kids who are in low-income families know they are poor. They know their parents struggle, but they don't know all of the networking and sacrificing that goes into making sure they have what they need. They don't realize they eat from food banks, the best-before bin or because neighbours

and friends have a bit extra. They don't realize what they don't have because their parents have the courage and stamina to do whatever it takes.

My children have been the recipients of one of those knapsacks. They have been grateful to have school supplies on the first day of school like their peers. I have been grateful for the program that placed those supplies in their hands. They (my kids) don't need to know everything. They know they are loved and Lord willing we get by during rough times.

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The Outsider — It's all in the Games

By Will Jones

Just before the Olympic Games began I wrote a missive decrying the multitude of shenanigans surrounding the event. Put simply, I moaned about it.

On reflection and after watching as much of the Games as I could between the barrage of adverts, promotional messages and tedious features on CTV about ‘Game Changers’, I find that corporate sponsorship and traffic congestion aside, I really enjoyed the Olympics.

However, what watching this plethora of inspirational international jousting from my living room in rural Haliburton did for me was make me realize just how un-Canadian I still am. I yearned for sight of the British athletes, even a glimpse would have done, but unless they triumphed in an event in which a Canadian also stepped onto the podium there was little chance of that. I looked forward to watching British domination in cycling and sailing, but the channels on my TV seemed stuck on rowing thanks to Canadian participation, or, strangely I thought, anything with Americans in it. This puzzled me for a while but then I got it. You folks want to see the Americans fail just as much as the British do. You'll sit through countless events and medal ceremonies where stern-faced, grey track-suited specimens of ultimate sporting prowess salute the Stars and Stripes just to catch that upset when, say, three jubilant Jamaicans sweep the medals in

the men's 200-metres or when a South African swimmer doesn't read the script and beats Michael Phelps to what was supposed to be his umpteenth gold. Yeah, I enjoyed those moments too. They made me feel closer to Canadians again, even in the midst of the dearth of coverage of the host nation's athletes.

And you know what else brought me closer to Canadians? Watching and listening to the incessant whining of both player and spectators after the Canadian women's soccer team's loss to the Americans.

“It's not fair. We were robbed. The referees were biased. Blah blah blah...” Face it folks, the Canadian goalkeeper broke the rules. She held onto the ball for too long. She was wasting time and she got caught. I don't care that this particular rule isn't often upheld and I don't care that the subsequent free kick produced a penalty decision that was marginal. The goalie broke the rules and she was punished for it. Stop your whining.

Actually, don't stop your whining because it reminds me so much of being back in Blighty, listening to my friends and colleagues week in week out as they whinged and whined about some terrible decision the ref made. The outpouring of scorn against this Olympic referee, the barrage of moaning about a decision being unfair to the losing side, gave me a warm glow inside. It almost brought a tear to my eye as I remembered days past spent listening to English friends (often

over a pint or two in the local boozer) lambast the referee and moan, if only he hadn't done this or had done that, ‘we would have won!’

But, putting moaning aside along with my nationalistic allegiances, I cheered for a certain young trampolinist who wowed the world and won Canada gold. I commiserated with Canada's female wrestlers who came so near to their dreams only to be pushed, thrown and barged from them. I gawked at the speed of kayakers, their arms whirling like clockwork toys and I grinned almost as much while watching the young Canadian sprinter as he did himself when he lined up against Usain Bolt in a semi-final sprint.

The Olympics in London have illustrated to me that I still have a strong connection with my country of birth: a national pride that I guess I'll never lose even living in this wonderful land called Canada. And the successful staging of the Olympics in the city I used to call home brought out a glow of pride that I could not have predicted in the weeks running up to the event.

Go England. Go Canada. Go everyone. Faster Higher Stronger... but with a few less sponsors messages next time, please.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street:

What do you think of a potential fireworks ban in Minden Hills?



Dianne Strojwons

Oshawa

I would agree with that. It can be certain weekends and a reasonable time to stop so it should be fine.



Michelle Gibson

Toronto

I do not like it. Why would you ban fireworks? But a forced ban except on special holidays is understandable.



Steve Rumble

Courtice

I am for it. If it is a problem with people setting off fireworks at inappropriate times then it should only be May 24 and July 1.

Craig Meharrie

Harcourt

I do not think that it is absolutely necessary. People get a lot of joy from fireworks as long as they stop by 11:00 p.m.



Harold Airhart

Haliburton

I just find that there are too many people trying to ban things, so leave it alone.



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Photo by Mark Arike

Crews rip out the boards and other parts of the Dysart arena on Aug. 15. The arena upgrades, which are expected to cost the municipality \$1.1 million, were prompted when it was discovered that pipes under the ice surface were leaking brine.

Fowler awarded streetscape contract

By Will Jones

Fowler Construction Company has been awarded the contract to re-pave Highland Street in Haliburton.

At a special meeting on Aug. 7, Dysart et al council accepted the tender for \$971,843.30 excluding HST from the locally-based firm; a bid that was over \$80,000 lower than the next of three other bids tendered for the work.

"Fowler's was the lowest bid and I recommend that it is accepted by the council," said Brian Nicholson, director of public works. "The firm worked well with us on the York Street project and will be ready to start on Highland Street by Sept. 4."

Nicholson explained that following pre-

construction meetings, the first few days of the work schedule would be taken up with mobilization operations – ensuring traffic flow equipment was installed – after which work proper would start on the street.

Streetscape works are scheduled to run until Oct. 31, however Nicholson is anticipating they will take longer.

"There's no way," he said. "This is construction. There will be disruption no matter how we try to minimize it. We'll do our best but there will always be unforeseen challenges, not least the weather, but we hope that shoppers and businesses will understand and work with us throughout the construction period to try to make the streetscape improvements as painless as possible for everyone."

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Highlander arts

Faculty art auction raises \$18,000

By Mark Arike

Buyer's were encouraged to bid high and bid often – and that's exactly what they did.

As a result of their generosity, over \$18,000 was raised at this year's Haliburton School of the Arts (HSTA) faculty art auction on Aug. 9 for student scholarships and bursaries.

Over 119 pieces of art sold through a silent and live auction during the evening event held at the Haliburton campus. Bidders were led through the live auction by auctioneer Jim Nelson and his assistant Kent Farndale.

"The \$18,000 raised this year will greatly assist our students pursuing a post-secondary arts education this upcoming year," said Sandra Dupret, principal of HSTA, in a press release. "As always, the auction represents the amazing support from our community and faculty."

Dupret thanked the faculty for their artistic contributions, the Haliburton Friends Network and event co-chairs Ted Brandon and Barbara Joy Peel.



Photos by Mark Arike

Far left: Sue MacDonald admires "Peaches and Cream", a maple deck skateboard created by Bryce and Eric Petersen. Top right: Visitors look at art available in the silent auction. Left: Dakota MacDonald, 10, presents an iron pioneer candlestick holder made by Ron Costescu. Above: Noelle Dupret Smith, 11, holds up a sterling silver pendant made by artist Michaela Wolfert while Jim Nelson pushes the bids.



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Highlander arts

Agnes Jamieson Gallery exhibition a 'must see' event

By George Farrell

There was a bit of a love-in at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (AJG) on the afternoon of July 20, as approximately 60 people showed up at the official opening of 'Pro Tempore,' an exhibition of art by Rod Prouse.

In 'Pro Tempore' AJG curator Laurie Carmount has mounted a show that succinctly shows us what Prouse has accomplished to date in his career. Prouse's work is multi-faceted; impressionistic landscapes on big canvases, painted wooden blocks, airy and colourful gouaches of the Canadian National Exhibition, sketches, as well as underwater sculpture and video.

"I have for most of my career involved landscape as subject in a variety of formats; photo-based work, video, printmaking and painting," Prouse recently wrote in an artist statement. "The focus of my newest work is still the language of landscape but instead of looking to convention I am dipping into my personal evolution and involving printmaking, psychedelia, and digital imaging."

Born in 1945, Prouse was influenced by 60s psychedelia, as is apparent in 'Buckslide,' a riot of palette brushstrokes in blues, whites, greens and black, which so creatively captures the movement of the waterfall.

His appreciation of digital imaging is evident in works such as 'Sunset, Georgian Bay', and by the moody, evocative and romantic acrylics like 'Tyson Lake' and 'Severn', which depict watery reflections.

The influence of printmaking, an art passed down to Prouse from his father, is evident in 'Chihuahua,' a screen print, and 'Honeymoon Bay,' a block print.

Not satisfied with the conventional methods

of block printing, where the block is inked and pressed on to paper to secure the image, Prouse took the process in a different direction.

"I moved from traditional block print media to engraving and then painting the wood itself with oils and acrylics," he explained.

The results are spectacular as 'Belize Carving' and 'Boy with Barracuda' attest. They are both 'primitive abstracts' that take full advantage of tropical imagery. Prouse travels quite a bit and his exotic pieces serve as a nice counterpoint to the Canadian landscapes in the show. There are two landscapes in particular, 'Algonquin Falls' and 'Goblin Bay' which, even though they are painted wood engravings, show a more traditional, painterly approach to the Canadian outdoors.

Comparing these two pieces to 'Redstone Lake', an oil painting by his father, (which is also part of the show), poignantly shows the influence of the elder Prouse.

"We started coming up to Devil's Lake and Redstone Lake, when I was young," Prouse said. "We'd take long canoe trips and I really got to know the countryside. Dad was a classically trained artist and all our holidays were based on fishing and painting."

Prouse, who spends a lot of his time teaching, some of it at the Haliburton School of the Arts, delivered his short talk to the audience at the AJG.

"For me the three most important elements of art are the artist, the subject and the audience. You make me feel inclusive and realize that it's not just about me, it's about the world."

'Pro Tempore' is showing at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden until Sept. 1.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Pastel artist Dalibor Dejanovic visited Highlands East for the plein-air festival.

Plein-air festival draws artists

By Matthew Desrosiers

They came from across the province, some as far as Quebec, to capture the Highlands East landscape.

From Aug. 2 to 5, artists descended on the Highlands with brushes, pencils, paints and pastels in hand to take part in the 4th annual 'A Brush with the Highlands' plein-air festival, hosted by the Highlands East Cultural Centre.

"Every year we get bigger and better," said festival organizer Tracey Green. "This year, we had 44 artists register. They come from all parts."

Plein-air is the art of painting your subject live and outdoors. Ten sites were available for painting during the festival, scattered throughout Highlands East.

Green said there are many plein-air painters around, they just need something to bring them together. And Highlands East is the perfect place to do that.

"There are lots of places in Haliburton County that would be lovely to paint, but the artists can actually travel here for three days, they get very little traffic, they're unencumbered, [and it's] very free and raw," she said. "I think that helps promote the overall atmosphere of the festival as well."

Toronto artist Dalibor Dejanovic is well-known for his plein-air work with pastels. This was his first time at the Highlands East festival.

"I love it," he said. "It's great country. It's

really nice."

Dejanovic said the festival is a great way to get out and meet fellow artists.

"One thing as a painter, you're always kind of lonely," he said. "You don't really get to hang out with other people, so this has been good to see people and interact with them... talk about art and paint together."

Unfortunately, Dejanovic said there aren't many such festivals or competitions for plein-air artists around. However, this festival has been his favourite to date.

"For me, it's the best plein-air festival because it's the whole weekend," he said. "It draws lots of artists together. It's camping as well, you get to be in nature and it gets me out of the city."

The highlight of the festival is the last day, when all the artists bring their art together, he said.

"What's exciting is... coming in and seeing everyone's work," he said. "Seeing people painting the same spot you painted but with a completely different take on it [is] very inspiring."

While plein-air is not a widely recognized form of art anymore, Green said it still has great social and historical value.

"Historically, looking at this 500 years from now, wow, we're going to see Highlands East through the eyes of 50 different people," she said. "We're going to see it recorded, see it change and grow."

"I think that's just amazing."



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Mobile Beer Store granted one-year permit

By Mark Arike

Come next summer, visitors and residents to Minden will likely find a mobile beer store in the parking lot of Dollo's Foodland.

In a special meeting following their Aug. 9 committee of the whole meeting, Minden Hills councillors passed a resolution granting The Beer Store in Minden a temporary use permit for a period of one year for a mobile beer store. In the original request, the applicant asked for a temporary use permit for a period of up to three years. The matter was discussed in the public portion of the meeting, where some concerns arose.

"We've been approached by the Foodland people and they have been approached by The Beer Store to set up a temporary beer store and mobile trailer," said Reeve Barb Reid.

"It would be staffed by the Minden Beer Store and it would be a second outlet for the summer."

Reid said the business venture requires a temporary use permit because setting up an additional retail outlet – mobile or otherwise – is not permitted within the current bylaw.

Ward 1 Councillor Brigitte Gall asked if the operation would run on full-time hours.

"That's a decision with The Beer Store and Dollo's Foodland," answered Reid. "I think the hours of operation for The Beer Store are provincially mandated and so I can't see the hours of operation for this being different."

Gall expressed concern over the precedent granting the temporary access could set.

"This then opens the door to other temporary facilities... such as a temporary LCBO, that could then lead to a drive-through CIBC..." said Gall. "As that continues to expand, my concern is that we'll facilitate only those people who are passing through the community and not the community itself."

She referred to the downtown core, and businesses and attractions that could suffer if visitors find more shopping opportunities on the outskirts of town.

"I would not like to see that Highway 35 corridor become the sole reason that people come through here."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch shared Gall's concerns over losing traffic from the downtown core. She asked whether or not the temporary use permit would indicate

dates that the business could operate.

"My understanding is that The Beer Store is only interested in doing this during the peak season, which is the summer," said Reid.

Ward 3 Councillor Jean Neville was concerned about the logistics of having the mobile business in Dollo's parking lot.

"I find that the Dollo parking lot... is horrendous to get in and out of with your car," said Neville. "I'm concerned there's not enough parking there to facilitate another retail outlet."

Despite her concerns, Neville was glad to learn the applicant was The Beer Store.

Councillor-at-Large Larry Clarke said he understood the concerns expressed by his fellow councillors. However, he saw this as a worthwhile opportunity.

"I think it will attract more people and more volume to the community, even though it's off the main course," said Clarke. "I would not like to see this council cause difficulty... for an opportunity to bring additional business and revenue in [to the community]."

Ward 2 Councillor Ken Redpath also voiced concerns about taking people away from the downtown area.

"This could be the start of a slippery slope," said Redpath. "I'm not sure it's what we want to do as a municipality."

Reid called it a private sector opportunity for the two businesses.

"I'm not sure it's a matter of convenience," she said. "It's really a commercial opportunity for The Beer Store and Foodland."

Reid suggested the possibility of giving the applicants a trial period of one year.

"That would allow them to test that theory and in the summer of 2013 they would need to apply to extend or renew the permit."

Neville said it would be helpful to hear from someone at The Beer Store before making a decision. Reid answered, stating that council should not be afraid to make a decision.

"I would hope we don't refrain from making decisions because we're afraid of something that might happen," she said.

Council discussed the matter further after their regular meeting and voted in favour of a one-year permit.

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You might also ask if keeping a high stool close by to sit on for short periods would be acceptable. Getting off your feet for a few minutes every hour may be all you need to relieve the constant pressure and resultant pain.

The next and most important thing to do is to choose appropriate shoes. Forget the heels, wedgies and cute sandals.

Choose athletic shoes with a soft rubber or crepe sole. Ordinary running shoes are better than anything with a hard sole. Cross trainers and walking shoes are better still. The goal is to wear the spongiest shoe you can find.

Also be sure the shoes you choose have a big toe box. The toe box is the front of the shoe which you want to be roomy enough so you can wiggle your toes comfortably.

If your shoes are big enough, a gel insole is also worth trying. But do be sure the insoles don't make your shoes so tight they cause friction and you add blisters or calluses to your foot problems.

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By **Barbara Szita-Knight**, Toronto & Esson Lake

It is always a pleasure having relatives visit the cottage, but this weekend was special. Grandma and Grandpa were coming!

Grandma loves our cottage, although she's a little squeamish about mice and other cottage dwellers.

We had a full cottage, with Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, two kids and two cats. Tired from driving, we trundled off to bed for a perfect night of slumber, even the cats sleep better up here – but not this night.

As I lay in bed, I could hear snoring coming from the next room. And then a new sound: tap tap... THUMP, tap tap... THUMP. What in the world? Those cats were up to something.

It was time to investigate. Heaven forbid the rest of the cottage inhabitants should wake. I dutifully rolled out of bed, approached the doorway and gazed into the living room. I could see two cats sitting very alert, staring towards me but not at me... rather above and behind me. What, pray tell, was behind me?

With great trepidation, I turned, ever so slowly, and looked up. There on at the ceiling, poised in the corner, was a humongous black beetle, or so I thought. Not sure, I ventured a closer look.

"That's a bat!" I yelled in my head.

The next action I took was one any brave female would take... I woke my husband.

"What? Huh?" he mumbled.

"Don't get too excited but I think we are under siege from a bat," I whispered.

With great reluctance, he agreed to examine the critter.

"Yup, that's a bat," he moaned. "One very exhausted bat I might add."

We figured the cats had been trying to catch it midair... poor thing.

Creativity is never in short supply at the cottage. Knowing we needed to rescue this flying creature, we searched for a suitable containment option and found an empty margarine tub.

My hubby crept towards the bat. Slowly, he lifted it towards the ceiling and the bat just flopped in.

"Anything is better than those cats," it was probably whimpering to itself.

Sensing a duo of drooling felines, we knew chaos would erupt if the bat escaped from the container.

What now? The door to freedom was over 22 feet away with hurdles in the form of exposed ceiling beams blocking our path. Keeping the margarine tub against the ceiling my hubby slowly dragged it along towards the exterior door. Reaching the first beam, he angled the container against the beam, followed it down, around and back up, making sure the bat was still trapped. The closer to the door, the more frantic the cats became. They were clearly unhappy their plaything was getting away.

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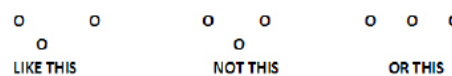
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All successful projects begin with a thoughtful approach that addresses needs, alternatives and solutions. Important too is the need to be flexible, opportunistic and innovative along the way. Unlike house construction where precision is key, landscape projects will undoubtedly be shaped by the environment. Remember, the master plan that you have either on paper or in your head may not be an exact blueprint but rather a guideline. New ideas arise or unforeseen objects appear from the 'dark side' to force changes. But this can be a good thing if you remain somewhat faithful to the original idea. If a large Yoda-sized boulder resides in your proposed patio space, then why not make it a feature? Dig around, wash it off, put in some native plants, harvest some lichen and mosses and you did it. Easily said, right?

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The Power of Three

Three is a magical number in the landscape, so we can use it a lot. Being an odd number, it suggests informality which is what we are trying to achieve. Groupings of three should have staggered spacing and not be in a line or other rigid geometric shape. And, best of all, we can repeat this concept with all elements such as shrubs, trees, rocks, decorative pots and planters.



For larger grouping such as ground cover or perennials, the same principle applies. Use odd numbers and stagger the spacing. The informal approach to planting has a distinct advantage over formal arrangements. When plants do not do well or grow at varying rates the differences can be a positive attribute to the overall natural scheme. Often in my own consulting work, I group varying sizes of the

Landscape matters

same plant to achieve this very effect.

Bold Is Beautiful

When viewing a landscape or any other 'picture', your eye seeks out points of interest upon which to focus. Provide that focal point by being bold. Rather than plant five shrubs of different sizes, shapes and species, make a bold statement by planting a strong grouping of one kind. Plant them close together for a massing effect and when you stand back to look you will notice that your eye is drawn to the grouping because it makes a statement. For smaller plants such as ground cover, grasses and ferns use large numbers again, at least 15. These mass plantings will often be the 'setting' for a specimen plant or garden feature. You want the setting to be muted so the specimen is the focus.



By Terry Twine

Continuity and Repetition

Don't be afraid to repeat yourself when selecting plant material, wood structures, patio stones or other elements. It is okay to use the same shrub in different areas, in strong groupings for effect. Similarly, when selecting 'specimen' plants, i.e., those of prime importance, place them in three different areas as a cohesive element. When the eye recognizes the continuity imparted by these familiar objects placed with care and thought, it sends a message to the brain; 'This feels right, I am comfortable here'. Likewise, wood elements should show common characteristics of mass, colour, design intent and 'feel'. A rear yard wood pergola should reflect some commonalities with a front gate, fence or entrance arbour.

Next time we will continue with more tools that will give your project life, vitality and hopefully your personal 'signature'.

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Highlander outdoors

A tough mudder in the making

By Mark Arike

Pushing himself to the limit is nothing unusual for local resident Gustavo Rojas.

But for Rojas and two Minden residents, an extreme challenge is about to come their way.

The soon-to-be 29-year-old, who works in construction and stays active whenever he can, is about to become a 'Tough Mudder'. On Aug. 18, Rojas and his five teammates will join approximately 15,000 participants entering the Tough Mudder event at Mount St. Louis Moonstone Ski Resort in Oro-Medonte.

"I'm very excited," said Rojas. "I can't wait, I dream about it."

The two-day event will feature a 12-mile endurance challenge that is "the ultimate test of strength, grit, stamina and camaraderie," according to a press release.

Created by British Special Forces, Tough Mudder features 20 military-style obstacles. On the course, participants subject their bodies to flames, ice-cold water and electroshock therapy (just to name a few of the daunting challenges).

It's so difficult that not everyone completes it. Statistics show that on average, only 78 per cent of participants finish a Tough Mudder event. But numbers like that haven't scared off Rojas or his team.

"We all work very hard... so I think we should all be okay, not just physically but mentally," he said.

Rojas first heard about the event last January through a friend who thought it would be right up his alley.

"As soon as I saw the site I signed up," he said. "I put it all over Facebook to see if somebody wanted to join."

The June Tough Mudder press release states the event isn't about finish times or winning

a medal. "With a course designed to be impossible to complete individually, 80 per cent of participants register with a team."

A few people expressed their interest but many were concerned about the level of commitment involved. Two of Rojas's friends, Mckye Shaw and Kieran Gillooly, eventually accepted the challenge. Joining them will be two male participants from Toronto (both known to Rojas) and an unknown female who signed up online.

Since the event will be extremely physically demanding, Rojas and the group have been training for the past several months.

"They've been training hard. They've all been running. One of the guys works for a tree company, so he starts running with tree trunks. He's also doing a lot of pull-ups and push-ups."

In the spring, the handy Rojas built and erected a few pieces of equipment in his backyard to get himself ready.

"I decided to make my own monkey bars. It's on a 30-degree angle and they're [the bars] about two feet apart, which makes it hard and good for training."

Rojas admits that he hasn't had much time for training during the last couple of weeks; however, he feels ready based on what he has done.

"I go running on the highway with weights on my legs and a four-by-four on my shoulders just to get endurance. I run for 15 k if not more."

When he was younger and living in Chile, Rojas tried out and was accepted into the military. While he didn't end up going through with it, he feels as if Tough Mudder will give him a taste of what he missed.

"I've always wanted to do something like this. So I'm just excited to be in it and do it."

To ensure they are physically up to the



Photo by Mark Arike

Gustavo Rojas is training for the Tough Mudder competition.

challenge, participants must complete a physical check with their doctor. They also have to sign a waiver in the event of their death.

"The tests you're doing there [at Tough Mudder] are very hard. You're going through 10,000-volt wires hanging down, mud, freezing cold water..."

For Rojas and his team, it's not about coming first, second or third that matters; it's about the experience they're going to get.

"If I wanted to compete for [prizes], I would do it myself. But it's more fun if you put in a team and you all help each other. It's like being in the army."

By signing up and paying an entry fee, the team will also be contributing to Wounded Warriors of Canada, an independent not-for-profit charity that supports Canadian soldiers wounded overseas.

In Tough Mudder events across the United States, participants have raised more than \$3

million in support of the Wounded Warrior Project – a similar organization that supports wounded American soldiers and their families.

Rojas and his team are eager to bolt out of the starting line, but they have one big fear: the electroshock therapy obstacle.

"Our biggest fear is the electric shock right at the end," he said. "We've watched videos and some of the guys are getting shocked and just falling into the mud, over and over again."

As they cross the finish line, participants are given a glass of beer. Ironically, Rojas isn't much of a drinker.

"I don't know [if I'll drink it]," he laughed. "But the guys are all pretty excited about that."

Family and friends will be coming out to support their team – known as "Team Fearless" – but more local fans would be welcomed.

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Highlander people

Director of community services resigns

By Mark Arike

After five years with the Township of Minden Hills, Rick Cox will officially hang up his hat as the director of community services and recreation manager on Aug. 31.

"I'm excited, I'm sad, I've got mixed feelings," said Cox, who handed in his resignation to the township on Aug. 13. "But overall, I'm extremely grateful to this community and township for treating me so well over the years."

As of Sept. 4, Cox will take up his new position as the director of parks and recreation for Tillsonburg, a town with a population of approximately 15,000 residents. In the job he will oversee a department that is about five times the size of the one he is currently responsible for.

"It's a bigger municipality, it's a bigger job, it's a bigger operation," he said.

Over the past five years, many job opportunities have come across Cox's desk. He applied for this one because the time felt right and so did the fit.

"It's sort of the next step in my career progression," he said, adding that he grew up in London and still has family in the area.

"There are family connections to the area and that makes this a good fit for those reasons."

In his role at the township, Cox has been responsible for managing and directing the overall operations of parks and recreation, including the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Minden Community Centre. When he started in April of 2007, the position was newly created.

And since he's been working for a fairly small township with a limited number of resources, Cox has had to juggle many responsibilities – simultaneously.

"I've done everything from moving tables at events to doing work in the cemetery to having strategic conversations at council and with partners. That's the nature of the structure here – you don't have layers of people."

Having said that, Cox is extremely grateful for all he has learned and the people who have been a part of those experiences.

"This community has been very supportive of me and the types of things I've tried to accomplish."

With the help of his staff and the community's volunteers, Cox says many new events and initiatives have been brought to the town.

"We've done a ton of things," he said, citing examples such as the Minden 150 Bike Tour, which is in its fourth year, and recreational programming including baseball, hockey and Zumba.

Cox admits that he will regret not being able to get involved with the 2015 Pan Am Games.

"I am really excited about that. I think it's huge for this



Photo by Mark Arike

Rick Cox, director of community services and recreation manager for Minden Hills, in front of the community centre.

community and county."

Cox believes that a strong parks and recreation department is one of the keys to creating a vibrant community.

"What we do makes people want to stay here, play here and want to come back," he said, noting that not every undertaking proves to be a success.

Moving forward, Cox is eager to accept the challenges ahead of him.

"I think I'm ready for it. They obviously feel I'm ready for it."

In a press release, Tillsonburg Mayor John Lessif expressed his delight at the hiring of Cox.

"I am thrilled to have Rick join our organization and be the leader for the next chapter in the evolution of parks and recreation services," said Lessif.

Although Reeve Barb Reid was a bit surprised by the

news, she's happy for Cox.

"It's just a fabulous opportunity for him," said Reid, adding that Cox has "done an amazing job for the township under very challenging conditions."

"He's taken leadership roles in all of the Sesquicentennial activities, he's worked very closely with the Riverwalk committee, the boardwalk was something he project-managed..."

Reid said Cox has made "a huge contribution to Minden Hills."

Cox's family has owned property in the Kennisis Lake area for many years. So while he plans on moving to Tillsonburg, he won't completely disappear off the map.

"I'll be in the community on the weekends and am looking forward to participating in the community events as opposed to being the guy running around trying to make them happen," he laughed.



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Highlander technology

The Computer Guy Good riddance to the iPod

This will probably be the last year the iPod means much to anyone. Its last version seems to be the cute little iPod wristwatch lash-up using the nano. However, as the iPod fades, I say good riddance. Its real legacy is that the entire country will now have to put up with a generation of half-deaf Canadians.



By David Spaxman

Articles repeatedly report that people listen to their iPods at levels that are too loud for the human ear. Yes, the newer iPods have monitors to control the natural tendency to blow out the volume, but it's too late.

Some of us actually worked at industrial companies where ear protection, salt tablets and hard hats were part of the work environment. I was even a drummer in a rock band and I wore ear plugs when I played because of the 500-watt monitor blasting beside me. The idea of ear protection, however, was not drummed into the heads of today's youngsters who commonly hurt their ears by listening to iPods that are too loud.

Often I'm near someone who is listening to an iPod and I can identify the song. I cannot imagine how loud it must be to the actual listener. I've even been near someone blasting music so loudly that I had to tell him to turn it down because I couldn't complete a thought. The guy should have just stuck his head inside a boom box.

The iPod also began the process of separation between people and their environment, which has only grown worse with mobile phones and texting. One could argue that people's fascination with distancing themselves from the surrounding world and immersing themselves in a playlist is not as dangerous as distracted phone chatting or texting, but I wonder.

Yes, people often walk into telephone poles while walking and texting, but at least they are socializing. When plugged into an iPod, listeners completely detach themselves from the immediate reality and zone out.

At the end of the day, it all boils down to the ear buds. These sound injectors should be outlawed. I've never discovered the inventor of the modern ear bud because ear buds actually predate the headphones and earpieces used with non-amplified crystal radios. Adding amplification to the device is simply not healthy for the ears.

I do know that I've already witnessed the invention of the transistor radio, which people used as an early personal entertainment device. This morphed into the very popular boom box, which people often carried around on their shoulders.

The boom box seemed to have disappeared overnight once the MP3 player, introduced by the iPod, appeared.

Well, the iPod fad is not completely over but rather has transformed into a smartphone fad. This should eventually morph into something else again. Let's hope that for the sake of the next generation, it is something that does not destroy our hearing.

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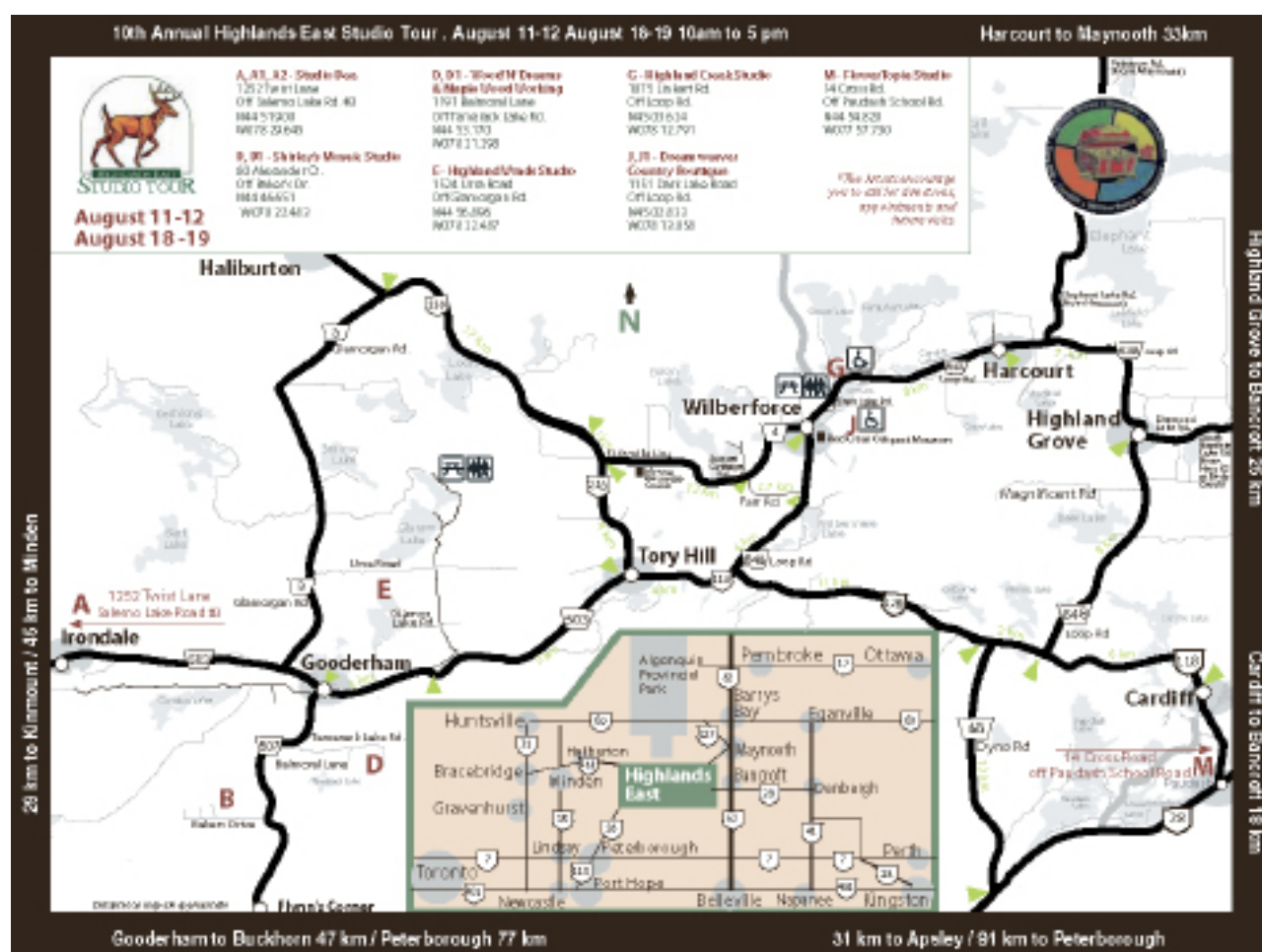
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Highlander sports



Photos by Mark Arike
Above: Eleanor McMahon, CEO and founder of the Share the Road Cycling Coalition, encourages cyclists to be good ambassadors of the sport. Top: A large group of cyclists takes off from the Minden Community Centre in the 150-kilometre ride.

Minden bike tour 150 serves up a challenge

By Mark Arike

For the fourth year in a row, cyclists braved Haliburton County’s hills for the Minden 150 Bike Tour.
A total of 162 riders pre-registered for the Aug. 11 event, with more than half participating in the 150-kilometre trek. Other rides included a 70-kilometre route and 40 kilometres.
The 40-kilometre option was titled “Penny’s Ride” in honour of the late Penny Obee. According to the Minden 150 website, Obee was the founding chair and driving force behind the establishment of the event, which launched in 2009 (the same

year the town celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary). All proceeds from Penny’s ride will be donated to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Scholarship fund in her memory.
The afternoon included live entertainment by local acts such as Trina West, Albert Saxby and Amelia Edmunds. A meal was provided to cyclists by The Dominion Hotel.
This year, the tour partnered with the Share the Road Cycling Coalition of Canada in an effort to promote safe cycling and help spread the word about cycle tourism in the county.

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Photo by Mark Arike
A group of girls and boys chase down the ball at the Stanhope Soccer League on Aug. 7.

Kids get their kicks at Stanhope soccer

Each Tuesday, young soccer players gather at the Stanhope Fire Fighters’ Community Hall for fun, non-competitive play. The league, which is run by volunteers, is for children between the ages of five and 14. The 2012 season wraps up on Aug. 21 with a barbeque.

Highlander events

Wilberforce hosts 29th annual fair



By Matthew Desrosiers

Despite sporadic rainfall, the 29th annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair was a big success according to event organizers. “We had a great day,” said Carol Lee, member of the agricultural fair board of directors. “People kept coming through the gate.” The two-day fair on Aug. 10 and 11 hosted a number of activities for all ages to enjoy, including a dog show, oxen ride, bouncy castle, geocaching and a high stryker. Various exhibits were set up on the

fairgrounds that allowed visitors to get hands-on. They could get up-close and personal with a variety of farm animals, try their hands at traditional wood-working, and even learn to milk a cow using dummy utters. Joanne Vanier, fair treasurer, said every year the fair keeps getting bigger and better. While planning for next year’s event will start in September, it is too early to tell what special plans the organizers might have for next year’s 30th annual fair. For more information including competition results, visit www.wilberforcefair.com.



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Left: Melissa Pantalleresco, 13, operates a spring-pull lathe under the supervision of Mark Bramham of Greenmantle Farms. Above: Dustin Turcotte drives his horses Princess and Ed in the horse pull, light-class competition.

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Fly-in cancelled, but antique cars draw crowd



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Above: Larry Heise of the Young's Point Radio Controlled Flying Club brings a gas-powered 36cc RV8 out on the runway. Above right: Elvis (Rob Sharpe) sings after making a grand entrance.



By Mark Arike

Although there weren't any ultralights taking off the runway, the rest of the festivities at this year's Stanhope Cruise and Fly-In went ahead as planned.

"The weather did not clear out until it was too late, so no one could fly in," said airport manager Duane Hicks, adding that the event averages 40 to 50 airplanes every year.

"They come in droves."

New attractions at the event included radio-controlled plane demonstrations, courtesy of Young's Point Radio Control Model Flying Club. The annual vintage car show drew 70 vehicles while Elvis impersonator Rob Sharpe provided live entertainment.

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Wednesday, August 29
Minden, 1 - 2 p.m.
Sodium Presentation
Where is it hiding in your diet?

Tuesday, September 11
Minden 1 p.m.
Living with Chronic Conditions
Melissa MacNamara talks about living with Diabetes

Friday, September 21
Minden 1 - 3 p.m.
Label Reading Presentation
Learn to read food labels

Wednesday, September 26
Minden 1 - 3 pm
Exercise Presentation
Setting goals for physical activity

Friday, September 28
Haliburton 1 - 3 pm
Exercise Presentation
Setting goals for physical activity

Call (705) 286-2140 (ext 296) for more information or to register



Canoe FM hosts country hoedown

On Aug. 13, country fans gathered at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden for CanoeFM's Country Music Hoedown.

After enjoying a roast beef buffet dinner, the crowd was entertained by Johnny Burke and the Eastwind Band, among others.

Photos submitted by Ron Murphy

Left: Johnny Burke entertains the crowd at CanoeFM's hoedown. Above: The crowd sways to the music.

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- ⇒ Don't honk your horn at a bicyclist
- ⇒ Check for bicyclists before opening your car door

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TheHighlander Community Calendar

Thursday - 16
Fireworks Ontario Clay & Glass Association joined exhibition & reception until Aug. 18 at the Rails End Gallery. The group exhibition opened at the Ontario Crafts council in 2011 and is touring the province. Please call 705-457-2330 for more information.

Friday - 17
Haliburton County Farmers' Market, 1-5 p.m. at the intersection of Hwy 118 & 35.

Saturday - 18
Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's 6th Annual Golf Tournament at the Lakeside Golf Course. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m., \$65 including golf, cart, dinner and prizes. Call 705-754-2110 for more information.

Sunday 19
Group road bike ride at Boatworks. Call store for details at 705-457-3737.

Monday - 20
Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 1-3 p.m. throughout the summer at the Minden Community Centre, upper level. Just bring your gym shoes and \$3. Call Mary or Jeff Martin at 705-457-2260 for more information.

Tuesday - 21
Group bike ride at the York Street parking lot in Haliburton. Call 705-457-3737 for more information.

Wednesday - 22
Weekly bike rides every Wednesday, Spring to Fall. Meet at Boatworks. Everyone welcome.

Thursday - 23
Contract Bridge at Community Care in Haliburton at 1 p.m. Call 705-457-2941 for more information.

Friday - 24
Red Cross Swimming lessons with the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association. Weekly sessions run Monday to Friday, including parent/tot (starting at 4), preschool, Levels 1-10, Bronze Star, Medallion & Cross. Cost is \$40 per child per week. Drop-ins welcome at \$10/lesson. More information and registration available online at www.haliburtonlake.com.

Saturday - 25
Folk group Serendipity performs at Music by the Gull in Minden at 7 p.m. Brought to you by The Highlands Wind Symphony, Minden Lions Club and The Times. Bring a chair.

Sunday - 26
Live Drive-In Gospel Music at Coboconk's Foodland parking lot, every Sunday for July & August at 7 p.m. Sit in your car or bring lawn chairs.

Monday - 27
Contract Bridge at Community Care in Haliburton at 1 p.m. Call 705-457-2941 for more information.

Tuesday - 28
Canoe FM Radio Bingo. Listen to Canoe FM 100.9 for details of the game and where to get your cards - play radio bingo from home every Tuesday night from 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday - 29
Highlands Opera Community School, July 31-Aug. 29.

Thursday - 30
Adult Soccer at the HHHS field at 6:30 p.m. Waiver & rules available at www.haliburtonsoccer.com.

Friday - 31
Pickleball at the Minden Community Centre, from 9 a.m. to noon. Equipment supplied. Bring clean court/running shoes. Contact Dong at 705-489-3850.

Saturday - 1
Make it Minden at the Village Green in Minden from 6-9 p.m. Hosted by Minden & District Horticultural Society, activities for the kids and a walk around town to see all the beautiful flowers.

Sunday - 2
Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle at the Rails End Gallery from 6:30-8 p.m. Call 705-457-2330 for more information.

Monday - 3
Open Mic Night at South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt every Wednesday night. Bring any instrument and join the house band. Call 705-448-2322 for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

HALIBURTON Branch 129
705-457-2571
Wednesdays - Bid Euchre 1-4 p.m.
Bingo 7 p.m.
Last Thursday of the month
Ladies Auxiliary 1 p.m.

MINDEN Branch 636
705-286-4541
rcbranch636@hotmail.com
Outdoor patio for enjoyment by members and the public. Lunch menu Mon-Fri 12 - 2 p.m., beer battered fish & chips 4th Friday of the month, Saturday BBQ with shuffle board & Newfie horseshoes in the afternoon
Mondays (2nd & 4th of each month)
Rng Hookers 10 a.m.
Tuesdays - Bid Euchre 7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays - Lunch time meat draw
Thursdays - Euchre 7:30 p.m.
Fridays - Radio Club 10 a.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips dinner 5-7 p.m.

WILBERFORCE Branch 624
705-448-2221
jandrea.weaver@aol.com
Mondays - Bid Euchre 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug 14
General Meeting 7 p.m.
Wednesdays - Darts 7:30 p.m.
Fridays - Pool 1:30 p.m. Jam Session 7 p.m.
Friday Aug 17 -
Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
Saturdays - Meat Draw 2 p.m.
Karaoke 9 p.m.
Saturday Aug 18 - Motorcycle Fundraiser, Register 9 a.m., \$20 per driver/\$10 per rider, 1st bike leaves at 10 a.m. Afternoon music by 50/50 Band with Gord Kidd.
Sunday - LA Breakfast, 9 a.m. - 12 noon

E-mail loulise@haliburtonhighlander.ca to have your local event advertised.

Highlander announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION -DON'T MISS OUT HALIBURTON COUNTY FAIR AUCTION

AUGUST 18, 2012
AT MINDEN FAIRGROUNDS
TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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donated by Ron Both and Clare

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Registration for the School Year 2012-2013



Monday, August 27, 2012

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - closed 5:00 - 5:30

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Note: Outstanding textbooks and library books/fines must be paid prior to registration.

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- Motivational Speaker (etc.)

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- Student Handbook
- Student Picture I.D. Cards
- Student Activity Council Events
- Spirit Days
- Motivational Speaker (etc.)

H.H.S.S. ATHLETIC FEE

\$50 - 1 sport / \$80 - 2 sports / \$100 - 3 or more sports

Payment of \$50 at registration is encouraged (refundable by June 21 2013 on request if a non-participant)

- This fee covers participation in Hal High sports
- Funds assist in transportation (bussing) costs to scheduled games/tournaments
- Covers Athletic Banquet dinner and awards costs
- Uniforms and equipment are provided on some teams

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The General Meeting for School Council will be held on Tuesday, September 11th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room at the High School. Elections will take place after the General Meeting, if necessary.

Everyone is welcome.

Parent Nomination Forms may be picked up during Registration Week.

SEMESTER 1 COMMENCES ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 2012

Mr. Larry Hope - T.L.D.S.B. Director
Ms. Karen Round - T.L.D.S.B. Chairperson

Mr. Dan Marsden
Principal



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Requirements:

- Post secondary education in a related field and/or experience working with women in crisis
- Proven ability to deal effectively with crisis situations and to provide support from a woman centered perspective
- Ability to work alone and within a team
- Ability to work within YWCA Reason for Being, Values and Policies/Procedures and legislative requirements
- Familiar with violence against women issues and committed to anti-oppression learning
- Ability to work shifts on weekends, evenings, holidays and overnights as scheduled and on short notice. Must live within an hour's drive of Minden.
- Car, valid driver's license and appropriate insurance required
- Ability to attend relevant training as required
- Effective verbal and written communication skills in English with other languages, including ASL, an asset
- Computer skills in Microsoft Word, e-mail, Outlook, and internet
- Non-Violent Crisis Prevention and Intervention and CPR/First Aid Certificates an asset

A full job description is available at the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County, at 11 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, Ontario or can be sent to you electronically upon request by e-mailing us at: ywcahal@bellnet.ca.

Forward cover letter with your resume,
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Darlene Smith-Harrison, YWCA
Outreach Service Coordinator

YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County,
P.O. Box 348, Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Or by e-mail to dsmith-harrison@ywcapeterborough.org

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VOLUNTEER LEADERS NEEDED

For the 1st Minden Scouts, Beaver and Cub sections. We are trying to provide a programme for 2012/2013 from September to June. To do this we need at least four leaders. Two for each section. Training is provided by Scouts Canada Whitepine Region and guidance is provided by the group commissioner and treasurer. Registration of leaders is paid by the group. The goals of Scouting are varied and evolve as the child works their way through the sections. Beavers aged 5 to 7 are taught to share and play and work well with others. Cubs aged 8 to 11 are introduced to the outdoors, camping, and the skills that are required for survival in this environment. The programme is provided by Scouts Canada to meet these goals.

If you are interested please contact the undersigned. A police check and volunteer screening process is a requirement for all Scout Leaders.

Bryan Kernohan; Group Commissioner
Ph: 705-286-1440 (daytime)

Janet Hirstwood; Treasurer
Ph: 705-286-6979 (evenings)

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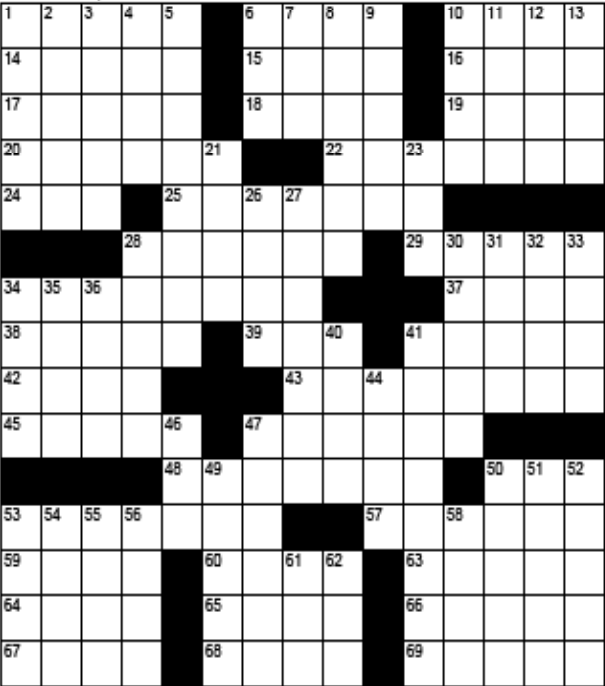
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ACROSS

- 1. Diving gear
- 6. Plus
- 10. Mountain passes
- 14. Pitches
- 15. Jump
- 16. "____ dead people!" (2 wds.)
- 17. Opera highlights
- 18. Tennis's ____ Sampras
- 19. Draw the ____
- 20. Wicker
- 22. Dublin's country
- 24. Raised railways
- 25. North African
- 28. Be ambitious
- 29. Prepare tea
- 34. Latest
- 37. Hound's prey
- 38. Foreigner
- 39. Drink daintily

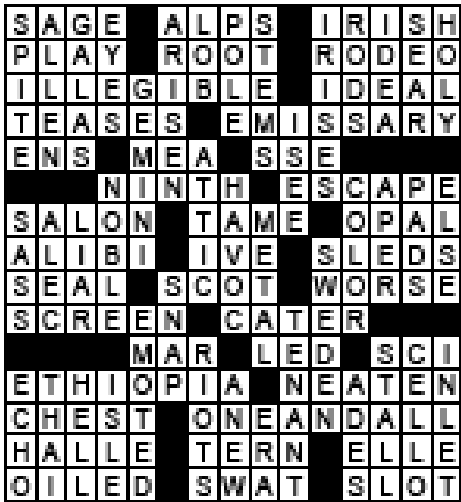
DOWN

- 1. Gape
- 41. Risk
- 42. Frolic
- 43. Woodwind instrument
- 45. Basil sauce
- 47. Las Vegas groom, often
- 48. Removed
- 50. Kickoff gadget
- 53. Alleviate
- 57. Evaluators
- 59. Bakery hot spot
- 60. Malicious
- 63. Forest growths
- 64. Timid
- 65. Fiddling emperor
- 66. Pound part
- 67. Is mistaken
- 68. Catch
- 69. Takes five

- 2. Reef material
- 3. Single items
- 4. Whip
- 5. James Earl Ray, e.g.
- 6. Mont Blanc, e.g.
- 7. Confederate general
- 8. Sarcastic writing
- 9. "Aida," for one
- 10. Fish feature
- 11. Korea's continent
- 12. William or Sean
- 13. Origin
- 21. Neck part
- 23. 14th letters
- 26. Snake's sound
- 27. Newspaper story
- 28. Proficient
- 30. Belonging to them
- 31. Acquire by labor
- 32. Cleveland's waterfront
- 33. Animal skin
- 34. Field cover
- 35. Balm
- 36. Edges
- 40. Plan
- 41. "Alien Vs. ____"
- 44. Copier
- 46. Poem of praise
- 47. Gridiron number
- 49. Levels
- 50. Young people
- 51. Upright
- 52. Road curves
- 53. Italian city
- 54. For all time
- 55. Ogle
- 56. Pen fluids
- 58. Factual
- 61. George Gershwin's brother
- 62. Ship's record

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Last week's puzzle solutions



Puzzle 1 (Easy, difficulty rating 0.50)

8	4	2	6	7	9	3	5	1
3	9	5	8	4	1	6	7	2
1	6	7	3	5	2	8	4	9
6	5	3	2	9	4	7	1	8
7	1	8	5	6	3	9	2	4
9	2	4	1	8	7	5	3	6
5	3	9	4	2	6	1	8	7
2	7	1	9	3	8	4	6	5
4	8	6	7	1	5	2	9	3

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